

Meeting of 2000-7-25 Regular Meeting

MINUTES

LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JULY 25, 2000 - 6:00 P.M.

WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

Mayor Cecil E. Powell, Also Present:

Presiding Bill Baker, City Manager

John Vincent, City Attorney

Brenda Smith, City Clerk

LTC Anthony Puckett, Fort Sill Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Mayor Powell. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by State Law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: G. Wayne Smith, Ward One

James H. Hanna, Ward Two

Glenn Devine, Ward Three

John Purcell, Ward Four

Robert Shanklin, Ward Five

Barbara Moeller, Ward Six

Stanley Haywood, Ward Seven

Michael Baxter, Ward Eight

ABSENT: None.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAWTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2000.

MOVED by Haywood, SECOND by Smith, for approval of the minutes. AYE: Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Raymond McAlister explained events associated with the Lawton Birthday Celebration and encouraged participation.

Clarence Williams said he had two items to present and asked that they be placed on the agenda as the inspector had recommended to him. Shanklin asked that Baker handle Williams' request as needed for the agenda.

The following comments are inserted verbatim:

"Boyd: Freedom of speech, what a concept...

Mayor: Would you please state your name, your address and your concern please.

Boyd: My name is Vera Boyd and my address is Post Office Box 3482, Lawton, and my concern is freedom of speech. Freedom of speech, what a concept. George Washington, thanks to people like George Washington, Bob Dylan, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ghandi, Steven Boyd, John F. Kennedy, Frederick Douglas, Bruce Springsteen, William Shakespeare, Vera Boyd, Michelangelo, Stevie Wonder, Alex Haley, Barbara Jordon, Nelson Mandella, William Lloyd Garrison, the community of Lawton-Fort Sill. What's been missing in Lawton and Fort Sill? Freedom of speech. I'd like it back. I think it's really sad that when citizens come up to the City Council, citizens that help put some of you in office, can get their time cut off when you have several people in the audience that gave in writing their authorization for one individual to speak for them, that would have left at least a minimum of nine minutes, but yes, freedom of speech is denied, can be cut off in the blink of a second. Can be extended for some, and shortened for others. Also, freedom of speech, what can be done for it when I submitted two letters and got no response for a cable commission in writing to the City of Lawton, our City Council members. I think it's really sad that on the issues that you want to work very little on, you can work on those and sit back and laugh and say okay, we're going to talk about chimes and bells for 25 minutes but when it comes to issues concerning the citizens, your time is cut short. And also when it comes to the issues, anything related to Lawton Cablevision I really think that Bob Shanklin should...

Mayor: Ma'am, we will not get personal and call names, okay?

Boyd: Oh, I'm sorry.

Mayor: Thank you. And you have two minutes.

Boyd: Yes, I have a few more seconds left, but on those issues, because it's a matter of relation, he should refrain from voting.

Mayor: Thank you ma'am.

Boyd: My name's Steve Boyd, I'm with Top Catt TV, P. O. Box 3482. I'm here to speak on the, from the extreme urging of the City Council and the Council persons who've told me to seek out and acquire attorneys to litigate a case against Bill Drewry, KSWO, Lawton Cablevision and now the City of Lawton at your urging. Citing several violations of several ordinances of the City, and by the way I'll have this in under three minutes, citing several ordinances of the finance and taxation code, Article 10 11 where it states Section 10 11 1109 Subscriber Practices, franchisee shall not deny service, deny access, otherwise discriminate against subscribers, programs or residents, programmers or residents of the City of Lawton on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin. The franchisee may adopt a reasonable classification for subscribers to have that. I'm saying that in conjunction with Ms. Boyd, I don't understand why these ordinances are not being enforced by the City and we've put it in writing, requested what agency in the city enforces ordinances against Lawton Cablevision, and I, like her, have not received anything. It's been two weeks and not even a phone call. But that being said, you also asked that we seek attorneys. We found attorneys. Why should we have to find attorneys when you in fact have an attorney up here and the attorney we submitted to, being the City Prosecutor, told us the City Attorney said

don't file anything against Bill Drewry, KSWO, Lawton Cablevision, it's almost like they're a Teflon-type organization, you've got double standards for some of your citizens. I just want to know what's going to be done about that. Also I've been told from our attorneys to let you know that this program is being recorded, therefore you have the right to remain silent, anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law, you have the right to get an attorney, if you decide not to use an attorney, that's your right to do so. In closing I also want to read you this statement here from the Municipal Court. It says the municipal court now existing or as may hereafter be established in accordance with the state law shall hear cases arising out of violations of the Charter. This comes from the City Charter and it's Page C5-1, that you will review violations or ordinances of the city provided the Council has the power to create these ordinances, which they have created and once again they refuse to enforce it. I don't expect you guys to answer and once again Bill Drewry seems to be like a special citizen but you're discriminating against some citizens by not enforcing codes and city ordinances against some individuals and then others. That's all I got to say, are you ready to go, ma'am.

Shanklin: Mayor, I want to respond, not to them but to the TV audience.

Mayor: Okay.

Shanklin: Freedom of speech, yes, and we have freedom of speech and everyone up here wants everyone to get a shot at their concerns but freedom of speech does not give you the right to use the City Council as a format for a personal vendetta that you may have against someone else that does business with the City. Our staff are the ones that say that we are doing everything legal. I do not have or neither does any of the other Council people have that expertise to take what has been presented to us and say that it is right or wrong, we leave that up to the City staff, our attorneys, we have five of them in the department. So freedom of speech we don't deny you, never have, you speak up and let them talk. The Mayor has let people talk when I didn't think they should be talking but no one is denied that right but to use us as a personal vendetta, I don't want to be a part of it. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you, Mr. Shanklin. I'd like to speak to that just briefly about the freedom of speech. I'd like for everyone to know that Mr. Boyd met with Mr. Jackson, myself and assistant city manager in my office about an hour and a half about two or three weeks ago. He's been heard very well by City officials, we've got a stack of correspondence about all the issues that he's talked about so yes, there is freedom of speech, and I have been very lenient since I've been in this chair right here in letting people speak because this is their city. I've yet to deny anybody to speak, I always ask the Council approval and they've granted that permission and I appreciate that very much, so yes, there is freedom of speech." (end verbatim portion)

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider receiving a presentation from the Public Works Department regarding the current status of projects for the 2000 Capital Improvements Program. Exhibits: None.

Jerry Ihler, Public Works Director, gave a power point presentation on the 2000 CIP Projects which is summarized as follows:

Sales Tax Projects:

Medicine Park Water Treatment Plant: The plant is being expanded from 35 to 40 mgd in the north section; the south section is being abandoned. On April 11, Council amended the engineering contract with CH2M Hill; estimated contract amount is \$2.5 million. Notice to proceed was issued May 1, 2000 and preliminary design is on-going. Engineers and technicians are at the plant now getting started on the project.

Landfill - Construction of Cells 2 and 3: On April 11, Council awarded a construction contract to Ideal Construction of Muskogee, Oklahoma, in the amount of \$2,273,400. Notice to proceed was issued on May 9, 2000; contract time is 180 days. The contractor is working on excavation and the subgrade; the maintenance facility has been relocated. A good

portion of the clay liner will be in place by the end of the week and DEQ will do soil testing to insure the clay liner meets requirements. Work on the geosynthetic liner will be started after August 1. The other portion is the future landfill site which is the 430 acres the City purchased to the south of the existing landfill. On April 11, Council awarded an engineering contract to Burns & McDonnell for \$360,300 to prepare a master plan for the landfill expansion on the 430 acres. Notice to proceed was issued April 24; another task in their contract is for tier two testing and statistical analysis with DEQ. A draft report for the statistical analysis has been submitted.

Water Pump Station #1 - The station feeds the industrial tower on Cache Road and Goodyear Boulevard serving the West Industrial Park. An engineering report was submitted to ASCOG on May 10 requesting grant funding and a related item is on tonight's agenda.

Flower Mound Road from Gore to Rogers Lane - On tonight's agenda there is a recommendation to hire the consultant to begin design. The project will be funded 80-20 with ODOT as far as construction, and the City is responsible for engineering, utility relocation and right of way acquisition.

East Side Park and Other Park Improvements - On June 27, Council awarded an engineering contract to C.H. Guernsey and Company in the amount of \$98,095. The park will be west of MacArthur School and the first phase will be four youth ballfields, parking lots, and associated amenities.

Gore Boulevard from 67th Street to 82nd Street - The project will be funded 80-20 with ODOT as far as construction, and the usual situation. Tonight's agenda has an item to award an engineering contract.

Lawton Public Schools Central Junior High and Other School Improvements - This is administered by the Lawton Public Schools and funds are transferred monthly for construction.

Economic Development - On June 13, Council appropriated \$250,000 to help fund the National Army Museum of the Southwest.

Ad Valorem Projects:

Water Distribution Project 2000-12: On April 25, Council awarded a construction contract to S.M. Burk Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$775,950 for installation of one-half mile of 12" water line and just under three miles of 8" water line. Notice to proceed was issued on July 17. On June 13, Council approved a change order adding a fire line for the Kids Zone Playground; contract time for the project is 284 days and the only thing installed so far is the water line for the playground.

Water Distribution Project 2000-13: On May 23, Council awarded a construction contract to Kraff Reynolds Construction in the amount of \$1,114,810 to replace five miles of 8" water line. Notice to proceed was issued July 10th. Contract time is 300 days.

NW 38th Street, Cache Road to Rogers Lane: Council awarded an engineering contract on April 11 to Robert B. Hendrick & Sons in the amount of \$137,500. This is an 80-20 ODOT project as previously described. Notice to proceed was issued May 1; preliminary design is on-going. Surveying was done last week.

Fire Station #5 Relocation: Council awarded an architectural contract to GBA Architects in the amount of \$41,905 for design and plans and specifications for a four-bay fire station. Notice to proceed was issued April 11, 2000. The architect is proceeding with preliminary design, has a basic conceptual layout and we are now looking at different sites to make sure the conceptual layout will fit and determine how much property will have to be purchased.

Ihler said work is ahead of schedule because there is a total of \$3 million for water distribution and \$1 million was to be done each year, but \$2 million is being done in the first year. Council authorized proceeding with the Flower Mound Road Project, as well as Gore Boulevard, so the entire program is ahead of schedule.

Shanklin asked if driveways in the area of the 2100 block of Lake would be cut or bored under in the water line replacement. Ihler said it is usually bid to replace the driveways but the contractor has the option to bore or replace it by open cut, but he would need to look at this particular one. Mayor Powell said he was at 1705 Lake yesterday looking at a house due to high weeds and grass complaints and he saw no driveways that had been cut in that area.

Moeller asked what was planned for Gore at 67th. Ihler said the preliminary thought was to have a five-lane facility with either a suicide lane or median for left turn bays.

Mayor Powell thanked Paul Fisher, ASCOG, for the grant application for the water pump station project.

Baker said when the voters approved funding for the 2000 CIP, staff put together an optimistic and aggressive program to get the projects accomplished and Council approved the plan. The plan has goals of having every project in the CIP either under design, built or under construction within the five years of the program; the other goal was to keep the public informed and let the citizens know what we are doing with their money. Baker said he has given the primary responsibility of accomplishing both goals to Mr. Ihler. Quarterly briefings will be provided unless Council feels that is too often.

2. Discuss the level of maintenance that is provided for the City's parks and athletic fields, and take appropriate action. Exhibits: None.

Mayor Powell said he asked that this be placed on the agenda and that he personally thought the people were doing a superb job but that we were asking too much of them, they have too many fields to take care of as far as the number of people that are doing the work on a daily basis. He said for the tournaments, he would like to see us have the money for additional help where we are receiving money, and in case of inclement weather, still be able to get the games in. He said it was his understanding that this is not happening at this time, but the main concern was there are too many fields for the number of persons working on them and that he did not know what needed to be done about it. Mayor Powell asked how many fields they are maintaining each day.

Gary Salva, Parks & Recreation Director, said we have 25 ball fields, baseball and softball, within four complexes that we maintain; four soccer fields will be created in McMahon Park during the winter so that will bring it to 29. Four fields in Kiwanis Park will be lost next year, but it will come back to 29 when the East Side Park is done in 2002. There are four full-time ballfield maintenance workers and they are supplemented in the peak season with five part-time employees. In this budget year, two groups with similar activities were combined, the landscape crew which is four full-time and two part-time employees, with the ballfield crew.

Mayor Powell said he understood Salva to say now, as well as during budget discussions, that the people who take care of the flower beds could help but it would seem this would be their busy season as well. Salva said the crews are separate and the landscaping crew does not assist the ballfield crew on a daily basis, and there was not an occasion this year where the ballfield crew assisted the landscaping crew although there were several times where the landscaping crew assisted the ballfield crew in mowing the ballfields, and that was the intent of bringing the crews together so that during critical times, like preparation for a tournament, one could help the other. Salva said if we bring on additional ballfield maintenance crews, which he felt was the Mayor's question as to a need, you have to keep in mind that ballfield preparation is basically a seven month project and you have to fill out the rest of the year with other work for these individuals. Salva said we feel comfortable with the present size of the ballfield crew; in peak needs we can supplement it with work from the landscaping crew, and we would not turn down extra men and would put them to good use. Salva said they asked for additional personnel in the parks and grounds division in the current budget but because of the close scrutiny of the need city-wide, we feel short on getting additional people, but we can work with what we get. Salva said the true problem is that the parks and grounds crews are tasked with many, many projects that really are not in their job description, such as providing assistance to civic groups and special events. He said the problem is not that we do not have enough people on staff or that we are doing an inadequate job, but the real problem this year was with the weather being

abnormally wet into June and crews being pulled off to serve many other needs, such as moving bleachers and preparing for community picnics, and there is a limited number of employees to get everything done. He offered to show a graphic to illustrate this.

Shanklin said he would like to see it and that he brought up before that we are short handed in this area, and two years ago the City Manager was given the authority to hire part-time people to see that we did not get caught in this trap again. Shanklin asked if we hired all of the part-time people that were authorized, and said he had been told that we did not. Salva said we have not been at full staff with the part-time employees this year yet. Shanklin asked why not. Salva said the pool of applicants is poor, several people were offered the job but refused to take the drug screening which restarted the interview process; two people started and quit after the first day because the work was too hard and the sun was too hot. Mayor Powell said that tells you something about the guys we have working out there right now. Salva agreed. Shanklin said we are working them to death. Salva said those are examples of the reasons we have not been at full strength. Shanklin asked if we are still trying to hire them. Salva said absolutely.

Devine said he was in Walters over the weekend and their staff consisted of 90% pre-release people. He asked why we were not using them. Shanklin said staff does not want to. Devine said they are dependable, delivered to and picked up from the job, and the golf course they are working on has turned out really well with 90% of the staff being pre-release people. Baker said we could discuss that and we have not discussed using inmates for parks and ballfields; Council is now using them in the alleys and that is a good program. Shanklin asked if they had been on the job more than one time. Baker said he was getting a status report from Public Works.

Salva passed out information showing tasks beyond mowing the parks and preparing the ballfields. Baker said one other significant project this year was the upgrade of seven fields at 17th and G because we are having to vacate in Kiwanis Park.

Mayor Powell said he was not critical of those doing the work and that was the last thing on his mind but he thought we were short handed and asking too much of those employees, and no one had come crying to him but he saw them all over town and had observed them for many years and felt they needed more help. Salva said we will put them to good use. Salva presented a slide showing the events Parks & Recreation is involved with during this calendar year; the events in white are initiated by the department, the ones in green were not initiated by the department but they are providing help; the ones in red are ones where they prepared for the event but it was canceled at the last minute but the work was still involved. Salva said there are many things they are involved in other than mowing parks and preparing ballfields. Salva said a special event that requires moving of the bleachers, the ballfield crew is responsible for moving those bleachers; they are very possessive of the bleachers that are being moved from ballfields and they want to make sure they are taken care of, so that is one example of how the ballfield crew is pulled off their job. He said collecting prairie dogs is a parks and grounds function, not necessarily ballfield crews, but it pulls people off the mowers when we collect prairie dogs. He said community groups and large families request extra tables and trash cans at specific sites for picnics and parks and grounds has to move that, which pulls people off of mowers.

Salva said several new playgrounds have been installed and there will be an increased emphasis in this area in the months ahead with the park renovation program; it takes four men two weeks to install a playground and if we are going to install from four to ten playgrounds, it will take people away from mowing but it should be done during the off season.

Salva said the question is whether we need to do a better job at what we are doing, do we need more men to do it, or do we need things taken off of our plate, and that is what he suggested that somehow we come back with a better presentation showing even greater detail on what they are involved with that does not involve maintenance of parks, mowing of right of ways, and preparation of ballfields. There are 25 employees in parks and grounds; taking away the superintendent and secretary, who do not mow, and taking away the cemetery staff who are focused on the cemetery, the ballfield maintenance crew focuses on ballfield maintenance and they have not been asked to mow anything or prepare anything this year or in previous years other than the ballfields. The landscaping crew concentrates on Cache and Gore, the public buildings, three recreation centers, sprinkler systems and the medians. The equipment inspector is for the safety of the people who visit the 80 parks to check on the equipment and repair it. The Maintenance Tech IV is the welder and fabricator to repair mowers and assist the equipment inspector, so eight people are mowing 80 parks and that could be a basis for why parks and grounds should be supplemented with additional staff. There will be a request in the next budget year from the department to see if we need additional staff for this work load.

Salva said this was an unusually wet year and we took on seven new ballfields that we did not have for the previous three

years, so next year should be easier in having four taken away. He said if an additional ballfield crew is necessary, it would probably in 2002 rather than 2001, but they would work with whatever Council desired.

Mayor Powell said Salva made a statement that bothered him which was the fact that he thought four people could take care of 25 ballfields, and that is humanly impossible and if he had not been there, he could not make that statement. He said taking care of a ballfield in a proper and professional way is hard work and requires dedication and loyalty, so that bothered him very much and we are asking an awful lot of our people. Mayor Powell said he disagreed that four people were enough to do the work.

Purcell said he understood that we had four full-time and five part-time seasonal workers. Salva said those are for the ballfield crews. Purcell asked how many of the five part-time seasonal workers are working today. Salva said they have two of the five. Purcell said if Council authorized ten, the problem would still be that they cannot get anyone. Shanklin said they are out there, and they may not be kin folks, but they are out there. Purcell said we may not be paying enough to get anyone and Council may need to take action in that regard so we can at least hire the five, or maybe ten. Devine said if a person cannot pass a drug test, you cannot hire them. Mayor Powell said he did not believe everyone out there was taking drugs. Devine said he did not either but some refused to show up for work and some refused to show up for the drug test, and that was why he suggested looking at drawing pre-release people. Mayor Powell asked if Devine was asking Baker to do that and Devine said yes.

Baxter said in Salva's defense, part of the problem that people in business are having is that the unemployment rate is so low that it is hard to find good, consistent workers.

Haywood said he had worked at ballfields all of his life, had done so while he was in college, for Fort Sill and for the City of Lawton, marking off ballfields. He said it is hard work and you have to be consistent in what you are doing, get up early in the morning and come back at night so we may have to raise the pay of those employees that work during the summer. Haywood said at Fort Sill they had a method of stopping work when the heat reached certain levels, and asked if the City used a method whereby employees could not mark off the fields in extreme heat. Salva said their summer schedule is from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and there are problems associated with the heat. Salva said the nucleus of the crew is really two men, John Paul Miller and Mike Dudley, and they oversee the turf managers and ballfield maintenance workers; there are two laborers that we are trying to train and bring in some good people to follow instructions. Salva said there are problems associated with the heat of the summer but they are not unlike those of other parks and recreation departments. Salva said if we can get the five seasonals on at the right time without any delay, he felt that would be the answer to the problem.

Haywood said he was sure Mayor Powell had received a lot of calls, and that he had received two when the softball fields were not ready for a tournament but that he had not mentioned it to Salva. Haywood said the tournament could not be held because it had rained on Saturday and they did not have enough people. Salva said if we do not sponsor a tournament, and we do sponsor six tournaments, but if a person wants to hold a fund raising tournament and pays the fees to rent the fields and it rains all day on Friday, the person asks if the fields can be made ready and the answer could be yes; we could take all of our manpower and try to get those fields ready to allow the tournament to be played. Salva said the person would not give any more money, just the required amount, so the City may receive \$200 or \$300 to rent the fields, but the question is should we spend \$2,000 in straight time and overtime to make the tournament a success and divorce ourselves from the rest of the park system. Salva said the department did not pull out the stops to make a tournament successful because they were trying to solve other problems throughout the City in mowing grass, keeping up with the work and we did not, in our contract with them, dedicate ourselves to unlimited manpower to make the tournament successful; we gave them the bare essentials. Mayor Powell said he did not think anyone was arguing that point and the department makes good decisions on that. Mayor Powell thanked Salva for his input.

3. Consider directing staff to post signs at Gray Warr Park for a period of 60 days announcing the Parks and Recreation Department's plan to convert the park's tennis court into a small skateboard facility. Exhibits: Map.

Salva said they have been communicating with the skateboard community for about a year and youth came to the City Council requesting attention. He said the position is that in-line skating and skateboarding are sports and there is a need for a place to practice the sport so staff attempted to find a small, temporary facility because 500 people signed a petition of request. Staff searched for a fenced double tennis court site that could be locked and two sites were selected; we met with the youth and they selected and fell in love with Gray Warr Park. Salva said \$10,000 is budgeted for renovation of the site through the park renovation program, with an additional \$5,000 for design through CDBG funds, so it is underway but a suitable location is needed. He said this item is to post the park and hear the comments from neighborhood residents,

and we obviously do not want to put in a facility that the surrounding community would object to or to change the dynamics of the park. Salva said a public hearing would be held at the end of the 60 day posting period.

Moeller said she had received quite a few calls, as the Mayor and City Manager had, from people who read about this in the newspaper, and it is going 100% please do not put it in our park. She said it is a nice park and a quiet neighborhood surrounded by homes, and some residents are present tonight who do not want the facility in Gray Warr.

MOVED by Moeller. SECOND by Shanklin, to find an alternate site.

Baxter said in reference to officials receiving calls, the City received a petition containing 500 signatures wanting a facility and those wishes should also be considered. Shanklin said staff can bring different sites and the proposed location is at the edge of town. Purcell said the response will be the same regardless of the location, not in my back yard. Purcell said 30 days is long enough to post the proposed site and the response will be the same unless a location is selected that is away from any housing, such as 38th and Lee. Mayor Powell said that seems to be a logical place because athletic events are held there. Purcell said it would have to be built and Mayor Powell said they are building soccer fields so it would not take a whole lot more to do this.

Devine said this is just temporary until we get the park open at Fort Sill. Baker agreed it is temporary but it will take a while to complete the negotiations with Fort Sill and to reconstruct the hangar, so it may be a year or longer; it is temporary but it will not be two or three months. Devine said we need a place with existing concrete and that was the reason Gray Warr was recommended. Salva said they were looking for a double tennis court that was completely fenced in, and we would need to add gates at Gray Warr, but we wanted a tennis court that is underutilized by the community. Salva said two sites fit that criteria and that was Pioneer Park, sometimes referred to as Panther Park in the northeast part of town, and Gray Warr.

Devine said he was not trying to push this on the Gray Warr residents but we have to work with our youth and we need to post the signs for 30 days at any place that would be suitable, and then have a public hearing. He said if we just keep passing the buck, we will not get anywhere. Devine asked how many possible sites were found. Salva said two. Devine suggested posting both sites for 30 days and hold the public hearing. Shanklin said this is a skateboard facility and he thought Fort Sill was in-line skating. Baxter said they skateboard in the hallway at City Hall and we need to find a place to put them. Shanklin said Gray Warr is on the far end of town. Baxter said they cannot get across the interstate to get to Pioneer Park.

Haywood said they had talked about having a facility at Mattie Beal Park and asked if that was possible. Salva said the tennis court at Mattie Beal Park is used significantly, and we were looking for a fenced in area that could be controlled to limit the cost. Salva said we could find a parking lot and build it there if we had additional funds, but funding has not been discussed for a major in-line hockey park, and the needs of skateboarders are the same as in-line skaters, so the park would meet the needs of in-line skaters as well. Purcell said it does not make any difference which sites are posted because the surrounding residents would object and that is understandable. He said we are not making progress and staff needs guidance.

Mayor Powell asked that Council receive input from a spokesperson from Gray Warr.

John Pierce, 7629 NW Andrews, said one of the reasons he purchased his house in Gray Warr was the tennis court, and that he and his wife play tennis. He said four people were playing at 5:15 p.m. today, three kids and one man, and the tennis court is used. Pierce said the Lawton Public Schools ball diamonds are by the homes and kids play there all the time; it is a parking nightmare when the kids play and the surrounding residents live with that and do not have a problem with it, but it just seems to keep piling on. He said no one seemed to have a say on the zoning and they now have a senior citizens center behind the house, the ball diamonds in front of the house, but when he moved there he only had a nice view of the Wichita Mountains. Pierce said they have one nice thing left and the City wants to turn it into something that 400 kids will use, and he was against it.

Devine said he was not trying to push this on Gray Warr and he wished some citizens would come forward with a positive solution because we need help for the kids and they have asked for that help.

Tania Zwickl, 7907 NW Andrews, said her front door faces the park and agrees the youth need something to do but suggested an alternative would be an ice rink, something different that can be enjoyed inside. She said a lot of the military personnel enjoy ice skating.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Haywood, Shanklin, Moeller. NAY: Baxter, Smith, Devine, Purcell. ABSTAIN: Hanna. MOTION FAILED.

MOVED by Baxter. SECOND by Smith, to post the signs at both sites and make it a 30 day limitation.

Purcell suggested if there are any other sites that they be posted also. Shanklin said there are 80 parks so they should be able to find more than two. Mayor Powell asked if a time frame should be established for staff to find the sites and post them. Salva said they would explore and not limit themselves to double unused tennis courts, which has been their focus to keep the cost down, but they can post the parks and explore other areas although they may require additional funding.

Moeller asked what happens after the 30 days of the signs being posted and the calls. Response was it would be returned to Council. Smith said this does not mean we are going to do this in Gray Warr or anywhere else, but just post it and get people talking about it, then it will come back to Council for a decision.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Baxter, Smith, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Hanna. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Consider endorsing conceptual plans for the renovation of the lobby and rest room areas at the McMahon Auditorium and direct staff to make a formal application to the McMahon Foundation to proceed with design at the Foundation's expense. Exhibits: None.

Baker said the newspaper report that the McMahon Foundation has agreed to fund this project is incorrect; the Foundation is asking the Council to make this formal request, if desired, and then the Foundation Board will consider the funding. Baker said if Council approves to request the funding, McMahon Foundation is requesting that the City commit to using the architect that has already started preliminary work on this project because they have worked with him before, like his work, and he has already done some preliminary work.

MOVED by Shanklin. SECOND by Hanna, to accept what has been said and approve it to submit the application using the present architect. AYE: Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter. NAY: None. OUT: Smith. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consider declaring an emergency and waiving the competitive bidding process for repair of aerial ladder. Exhibits: Memorandum to City Manager.

Item 6 was considered at this time. Deputy Fire Chief Klein said on June 23, 2000, they were having an annual maintenance and testing procedure with a Sutphen Corporation representative, who noticed a crack in the weld on the bed ladder portion. Shanklin asked where the apparatus is domiciled and Klein said Station 1, Central. Klein said it is the 100 foot aerial ladder; the 75 foot apparatus is housed at Station 4, 2409 Cache Road.

Klein said upon noticing the crack in the weld, the representative contacted his corporation and we were advised that the weld would compromise the integrity of the ladder and that it should be taken out of service. He quoted regulations regarding aerial devices. Shanklin said he worries we are getting involved in a situation similar to Tomlinson Junior High and Klein said no. Shanklin said the last page says if we do this that it will extend the life of this apparatus for 20 years.

Klein said we are talking replacement in the year 2015 to 2020; it is scheduled for replacement in the year 2004 under the 2020 Fire Plan so if you take into account that it is considered to be out of service now, it will extend the life. Shanklin asked if they would expect to buy another \$600,000 apparatus in 2015 to 2020 and Klein said yes, it would postpone it to then from 2004.

Purcell said we were going to replace the whole engine in 2004, and the information states it will extend the life of the aerial apparatus by 15-20 years. Klein said this apparatus is a 1984 model with 3,200 hours on it and 22,000 miles; it is in excellent shape as far as the engine, transmission, drive train, and things of that nature. Klein said as far as the functioning parts, they would like to have some other components looked at and replaced if necessary. Purcell said the reason we were going to replace it in 2004 was not the engine or chassis and if we replace the ladder it will be acceptable. Klein said fire and aerial apparatus should be replaced approximately every 20 years, depending on the usage, according to the 2020 Fire Plan.

Shanklin said it reads like this has to go back to the factory because no one else can weld it and he did not believe that. Klein said this is a process that is specific to their engineering, an E1 ladder will not necessarily fit this truck; there are four sections of the ladder and they will remove three, build an entirely new bed section to their specifications by their engineer, and reassemble the other three sections and inspect and replace worn, frayed cables, etc. Klein said when it comes back from their shop, this portion of the apparatus should be as good as new.

MOVED by Shanklin, SECOND by Baxter, to accept Item 6, declare an emergency and approve waiving the competitive bidding process and complete the repairs of the aerial ladder. AYE: Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Consider authorizing expenditure of 1995 Capital Improvement Program funding for the replacement of roof at Fire Station #7. Exhibits: None.

Shanklin asked the location of Fire Station #7 and Baxter said on 82nd Street.

MOVED by Shanklin, SECOND by Smith, to approve the expenditure of \$55,000 from 1995 CIP funds for replacement of Fire Station #7 roof. AYE: Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Consider approving a joint committee between the City Planning Commission, Lawton Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and the City Council to review and give recommendations on the contents of the 2025 Land Use Plan (LUP) and authorize the Mayor to make appointments on the committee, if desired. Exhibits: Flow Chart for 2025 LUP Development.

Bob Bigham, City Planner, said the City Planning Commission recommended establishing a committee to review the upcoming Land Use Plan; membership is recommended to be CPC Chairman, two CPC commissioners, LMAPC Chairman, and the Mayor and three Council members. The committee would start reviewing the details of the Land Use Plan update. A flow chart of the proposed process was provided and the committee could begin work in late August or early September.

Purcell said the recommendation for composition of the committee came from the staff, and in the past there was a big controversy about appointing a City Planning Commission. He said under the LMAPC, due to State law, when we wanted to change the Land Use Plan, be it one lot or the entire plan, six affirmative votes were required by LMAPC before it could come to Council, so we created the City Planning Commission to deal with the land use issues, both the new plan and the individual requests. Purcell said each Council member appoints someone and the Mayor appoints someone to the City Planning Commission, and he did not understand why the Commission could not do the plan, and agreed it would be good for the LMAPC Chairman to participate.

Bigham said the thought was that if Council members participated, they would be aware of the work that was done on the plan and reasons for recommendations, rather than just bringing a plan to Council for it to go through in detail. Purcell

said if the committee were appointed, four of nine members of the Council and the Mayor will have already gone through it in detail so in that case, there would not appear to be a need for a Planning Commission but just tell the Council to do the plan; it seems to defeat the purpose of the prior Council voting to have a City Planning Commission. He said the proposal is to have only three members of the City Planning Commission on the committee, instead of that whole group working on it, and then add Council members, and he would not support that.

Baxter asked if another member that was here when the CPC was established could explain reasons. Smith said the way he understood it when he voted to have the City Planning Commission was that the direction to them was to be prepared to do a 2025 Land Use Plan revision to bring to Council. Purcell said that was the whole reason it was done. Mayor Powell said the six affirmative votes did not happen one time. Purcell said it was out there that it was done because Council wanted to rezone one particular lot, but it had nothing to do with that; that was what a certain group of citizens thought. Purcell said the problem was we could not get the Land Use Plan on an individual lot considered by the Council and changes to the 2025 Land Use Plan could not come before Council without six affirmative votes. Purcell said we created the City Planning Commission so Council could receive a recommendation, and each Council member gets to appoint a member so it would represent the entire city, and if the CPC votes 4-4 or 5-3, it would still come to Council.

Shanklin said he did not like the 2020 or 2025 plan and we just got stuck with a \$700,000 apparatus because it was in the plan. He said he understood the bureaucratic standards but the point is you disenfranchise some people by putting them residential but across the street you assign C-1 or C-5 arbitrarily, you have done that. Bigham said the Council ultimately decides what zoning will be applied. Shanklin said if you have property that is zoned R-4 but you are ready to go commercial before the guy across the street, then you have to fight the process to get it rezoned and it is not easy, and that was why we wanted out of the six affirmative votes before it could come to Council.

Baker said the recommendation from staff is not as arbitrary as it may seem and that Bigham was reacting to guidance he had provided. He said it was his impression that Council wanted to be involved in the process and in the preparation of the 2025 plan, and he got that impression shortly after becoming City Manager and he thought that was Council's intent.

Shanklin said if Council will take the time to look at it when it is brought forward, instead of just rubber stamping it, then they can spend an hour or so looking at it then and make the needed changes. Purcell agreed Council should be involved, and maybe go to the meetings or submit information to those they had appointed to the CPC.

MOVED by Purcell, SECOND by Smith, to ask the City Planning Commission to produce the Land Use Plan with a recommendation to this Council and certainly if they care to and want to, they can ask the Chairman and/or any other people they see fit from LMAPC to sit on that with them. AYE: Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Consider awarding a contract for professional engineering services for the NE Flower Mound Road (Gore to Rogers Lane) Project 2000-28. Exhibits: Map. (Contract on file with City Clerk) *Agenda item commentary and attachments were switched in the folder on Items 8 and 9.

Jerry Ihler, Public Works Director, said the Engineer Selection Committee met on July 18 to review the proposals, the three firms short-listed were MGR, Robert B. Hendrick & Sons, and Triad Design Group. The proposal from Triad was very low, which caused concern and they were asked to submit a letter saying they could do the work for the stated fee or not. The firm submitted a letter with a revised fee concerning utility relocations, and this was after everyone knew the fees the other two firms had submitted. Based on that information and the fact that they would not do the project for the original fee, and the others were not allowed to amend their fees, the committee considered their proposal non-responsive and recommended awarding to the low proposal of Robert B. Hendrick & Sons of Norman in the amount of \$270,000.

Mayor Powell said he had just asked the City Attorney if we could legally eliminate them on the facts Ihler had stated and the response was that we could.

MOVED by Baxter, SECOND by Haywood, to accept award of the contract to Robert B. Hendrick & Sons in the amount of \$270,000. *amended below.

Mayor Powell asked that public input be received.

Nick Richards, 39 SE 6th Street, said the Richards family owns the land on the east side of Flower Mound Road for about 1,320 feet north on Flower Mound north of Gore. He said there is a drainage structure approximately 700 feet north of Gore that is too small, and during a sizeable rain event, the water backs up on this property. Richards said approximately 160 acres drains to that structure and he requested Council instruct the engineer to size the structure for a 100 year flood; the property is being filled at the present time and if the structure is not increased, water will run over the road.

Baxter requested Ihler respond. Ihler said they would design and size the structure to what the City Code provides with primary drainage, and if it is a primary channel, it would be the 100 year structure, and we certainly can instruct the consultant to design that for the 100 year storm.

Baxter amended the motion to include instructions to the engineer to design the structure for the 100 year storm. Haywood agreed as the second.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: AYE: Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine, Purcell. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Shanklin. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Consider awarding a contract for professional engineering services for the W Gore Boulevard (67th to 82nd) Project 2000-27. Exhibits: Map. (Contract on file with City Clerk)

Ihler said they were looking at designing a four-lane facility with a left turn bay or suicide lane. He said this situation is similar to that on the previous item; the consultant submitted an original fee of \$112,500 and there was concern about that amount with regard to the utility relocation so the firm was asked to submit a letter saying they could do the work or not. The firm submitted an amended fee from \$3,000 to \$25,000, which left them \$2,500 lower than the second low fee. Based on the fact that the firm submitted a revised fee, the committee felt that was non-responsive and voted to award it to the low responsive proposer on this project in the amount of \$137,000 to MGR, Inc. of Edmond, Oklahoma.

MOVED by Smith, SECOND by Baxter, to award to MGR, Inc. of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Devine said he was unable to attend the engineer selection committee meeting and asked why we did not stay with Hendrick since he would be here on the other project; there was only a \$3,000 difference between the two and they would already be doing the other project. Purcell said the reasons the committee discussed were the fact of the low bidder and the amount of other work Hendrick has scheduled.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

ADDENDUM:

1. Discuss the authorities and responsibilities of the City Manager and of the Health Department with regard to nuisance abatement. Exhibits: Health Department Memorandum.

Shanklin said he requested the item due to the rat problems we have had during the past few months. He said he called the Health Department and was told it was not their purview; one of the attorneys went to Anadarko to the BIA because it was Indian land and they had to be involved in allowing abatement of the problem. Shanklin said it was dealt with and took

some effort, but there is a letter signed by the Health Department where they evidently do accept the problem as a health hazard and they gave direction to remove a vehicle, concrete and other debris. He said we have an egret problem at 13th and Lake and we had to wait for two weeks to have a Council meeting to be able to shoot a gun off to run those birds off; Council should not have to rule on that every time it comes up. Shanklin suggested the ordinance be amended so the City Manager would not have to get permission from the Council to have a canon go off to be able to get rid of bird problems.

Vincent said there appeared to be conflicts in the interpretations various people were giving with regard to the Health Department contract. He proposed that he and Baker meet with County Health officials to work out an amendment or a different contract for next year. Council agreed to that approach.

2. Receive a staff briefing on enforcement of the City Code. Exhibits: None.

Vincent said there had been some concern about the methods of enforcement of various city code provisions that primarily involve weeds and grass and demolition of buildings and removing junk and debris. He said the City is operating under a complaint, or reactive system, and there was concern as to whether we should be operating under a proactive system where we search out the problems. Vincent said that is within Council discretion and one of the things we must be careful of in either system is selective enforcement. He said we have adopted the reactive, or complaint system, and we must be non-discriminatory and non-selective and must react to each complaint as it is received.

Shanklin asked if Clarence Williams has to come down here because complaints had been received or are we going out there and riding herd on him. Vincent said he could not answer. Shanklin said that was one of the points he was trying to bring up.

Shanklin said a survey showed that 45% of the population of Lawton was retired, and it is probably closer to 70% in Ward 5. He said the problem is how we are going to clean up the area, especially in the older wards where people are not capable of doing it themselves or financially able to have it done. Shanklin said he did not want to put a burden on them by walking up to a 75 year old widow who may have debris and give her a \$100 ticket. He said we started off with the pre-release people and to his knowledge they have only come one time and he did not know why. Shanklin said there is no action to be taken but he wanted Council to think about it, and some wards do not have these problems, but the older areas have problems and the entire problem got away from us this year and he hoped it did not happen again, but the areas are atrocious and he wanted it to be cleaned up and some money is needed because the people cannot do it themselves.

Smith said there are programs sponsored by churches and civic groups and governmental groups at the state level that will help in this area. He said part of what the City should do is find those people and have those names, organizations and contacts available for the citizens when they call in.

Baxter said he agreed with Shanklin and Smith and that he could not understand why the inmates had been out only once. Baker said he is getting a status report on that as to where they have been, where they are scheduled to be next, and he made some suggestions on places that need attention. Baker said he should get a status report from Public Works within a few days; Mr. Woodall in the Street Division has been assigned the direct responsibility of coordinating and supervising that program.

ADDENDUM:

1. Consider a resolution to approve the operation of loud machinery in the vicinity of 106 NW 13th Street. Exhibits: Resolution 00-75.

Shanklin said this is needed to abate a severe bird problem.

MOVED by Shanklin, SECOND by Smith, to approve Resolution 00-75.

Baker said this authorizes use of loud machinery but that may not end up being what is done; we are looking at other options to help this citizen. Mayor Powell said time is of the essence. Smith suggested the City purchase a canon for use by citizens so it would be available when needed. Devine said the police probably have "spud" guns that could be used.

Vincent said this keeps coming back because the code does not call for any exceptions in situations such as this. He suggested staff propose an amendment to allow the City Manager or his designee to apply the canon or whatever needs to be done for this type of problem without having to come to Council for permission.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYE: Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title only) Resolution 00-75

A resolution suspending the strict enforcement of Section 16-4-2-425, Lawton City Code, operations of loud machinery at certain designated locations within the City of Lawton, Oklahoma.

ADDENDUM:

1. Consider approving receipt of the Local Government Challenge Grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council. Exhibits: None.

MOVED by Purcell, SECOND by Smith, to approve acceptance of the Local Government Challenge Grant in the amount of \$3,000. AYE: Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA:

10. Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute the pre-application for an EDA grant for the West Industrial Booster Pump Station Number 1 through ASCOG. Exhibits: None. Action: Approval of item.

11. Consider transferring \$25,000 from Council Contingency to the Neighborhood Services Division for the purpose of demolishing dilapidated structures. Exhibits: Council Contingency Status Report. Action: Approval of item.

12. Consider approving a Retainer Agreement designating Neil West as an alternate special prosecutor in Municipal Court and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement. Exhibits: Proposed Retainer Agreement for Legal Services. Action: Approval of item. Attorney will be paid \$25 per hour.

13. Consider entering into contracts with Mrs. Margaret Guthrie and Mrs. and Mrs. Sterling H. Stipe for fire protection outside the Lawton City limits, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contracts. Exhibits: None. (Contracts on file with City Clerk) Action: Approval of item.

14. Consider approving an agreement with Great Plains Improvement Foundation, Inc. to carry out the CDBG MedTrans Projects authorized in the City of Lawton Consolidated One-Year Action Plan for FFY 2000. Exhibits: None. (Agreement on file with City Clerk) Action: Approval of item.

15. Consider approving an agreement for euthanization services with the Town of Medicine Park and authorize the

Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. Exhibits: None. (on file) Action: Approval of item.

16. Consider awarding a construction contract to RCJ Construction, Inc. for the Robinson's Landing Lagoon Fencing Project 2000-29. Exhibits: Map; Bid Tab. Action: Award contract as shown in the amount of \$13,985.00.

17. Consider approving a contract with Nita Morris to create the International Festival poster and t-shirt artwork for the 2000 festival. Exhibits: None. (Contract on file with City Clerk) Action: Approval of item. Cost is \$150.00.

18. Consider awarding contract for Testing Services. Exhibits: Recommendation; Abstract. Action: Award contracts to Standard Testing Company and Quantem Laboratories.

19. Consider approval of Payroll for the period of July 10 through July 23, 2000. Exhibits: None.

MOVED by Smith, SECOND by Moeller, to approve the Consent Agenda items as recommended. AYE: Smith, Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS: MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER.

Shanklin handed a letter to the City Manager requesting the Street Division overlay the alley behind Fort Sill Boulevard between Lake and Bell. He said he wanted the people to know that he would pay for the materials, and Glen Hamilton, 1207 Lake, will pay for the 100 feet west toward 12th Street. Shanklin said he did not want anyone to think he was getting special favors and the City has done this over the years. Baker said the City has done this in the past if the citizen agrees to pay for the materials; requests can be made to the City Manager's office and if Public Works can, they will accommodate and do the labor.

Smith said there was a successful blood drive and he appreciated participation.

Purcell said one of the utility companies cut a big hole in the north bound lane of Flower Mound Road, after City crews had done such a wonderful job of overlay. He requested staff place an emphasis on making the utility company complete repairs as soon as possible.

Baxter said Lawton's birthday is coming up in a couple of weeks and he encouraged attendance at the rodeo.

LTC Puckett said he was asked at the last Council meeting about Fort Sill's efforts when there are clean air alerts. The Directorate of Environmental Quality looked into it and the Cannoneer published an extensive article outlining the volunteer efforts when alerts are issued. Some of the things specific to Fort Sill were brought out and he hoped volunteer participation would be of help, but beyond that, no further action is ahead until a mandate is issued. LTC Puckett said they are issuing pleas to the Fort Sill community for volunteer support in a similar manner to Lawton.

Haywood thanked Parks & Recreation for providing assistance for the COPS Picnic and the Lawton View Neighborhood Association Picnic.

Mayor Powell said there will be a meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. on mass transit. He said the Shockers youth baseball team won the state title this past week and will be going to the national playoffs. Mayor Powell said he attended the announcement of a \$21 million donation to the State Capital Dome Project, as well as receiving an award for Lawton having the most volunteers in the Trash Off Competition.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

20. Pursuant to Section 307B2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss negotiations for a Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2000-2001 between the Fire Union, IAFF, Local 1882, and the City of Lawton, and take appropriate action in open session.

21. Pursuant to Section 307C9, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to discuss an economic development prospect to be located within the City of Lawton, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session. Exhibits: None.

22. Pursuant to Section 307B1, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session to evaluate the performance of the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, and Municipal Judge; and, take action as necessary in open session. Exhibits: None.

MOVED by Hanna, SECOND by Smith, to convene in executive session as shown on the agenda and recommended by the legal staff. AYE: Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at approximately 8:05 p.m. and returned to regular, open session at approximately 8:40 p.m. with roll call reflecting all members present.

On Item 20, the City Attorney reported that pursuant to Section 307B2, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, we convened in executive session to discuss negotiations for a Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2000-2001 between the Fire Union, IAFF, Local 1882, and the City of Lawton.

MOVED by Baxter, SECOND by Smith, to table the item to the next meeting. AYE: Purcell, Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

On Item 21, the City Attorney reported that pursuant to Section 307C9, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, the Council convened in executive session to discuss an economic development prospect to be located within the City of Lawton. He recommended two motions, the first being to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Republic Paperboard to seek additional right of way and utility easements from that company.

MOVED by Smith, SECOND by Purcell, to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Republic Paperboard to seek additional right of way and utility easements from that company. AYE: Shanklin, Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine, Purcell. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Vincent proposed that Council adopt a resolution to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for assistance in developing and further extending Neal Boulevard.

MOVED by Devine, SECOND by Smith, to approve Resolution 00-76. AYE: Moeller, Haywood, Baxter, Smith, Hanna, Devine, Purcell, Shanklin. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

(Title only) Resolution 00-76

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, requesting the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to construct an extension to Southwest Neal Boulevard to support project CSW Company at 8801 SW Neal Boulevard.

Mayor Powell reported no action is required on Item 22 and no discussion was held on that item.

There was no further business to consider and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.